

# **THE PRESIDENT'S 2008 BUDGET**

## **Reducing Deficits Each Year and Balancing the Budget by 2012**

The President's FY2008 Budget reduces the deficit each year and reaches a balanced budget within five years. A strong economy and better spending restraint will help us achieve this goal, while continuing to invest in the Nation's prosperity and security.

### **Keeping the Economy Strong**

- The Budget makes tax relief permanent to ensure our strong economic growth continues.
- Since the President's tax relief took effect, increased innovation and investment has created more than 7 million new jobs, and helped boost wages.
- Pro-growth policies that focus on providing quality education, affordable health care, energy security, and making Americans more competitive will sustain economic growth and prosperity for future generations of all Americans.

### **Spending Taxpayers Dollars Wisely**

- The Budget holds the growth in non-security discretionary spending to one percent, well below the rate of inflation.
- Budget reforms, including comprehensive earmark reform and a legislative line-item veto, will help eliminate wasteful and unnecessary spending.
- Sensible reforms are needed to slow the unsustainable growth of entitlement spending.

### **Combating Terrorism and Protecting the Homeland**

- The Budget supports our troops fighting terrorism, strengthens our military for the future, supports our efforts on the diplomatic front and protects our homeland from attack.
- This Budget improves the timeliness and specificity of the information provided to Congress and the American public about the cost of the war.
- It shows the full cost of the war through the rest of the President's term – and also provides detailed justifications.